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## Reaching a higher note

by Janie Vogl

Do you sing in the shower? Can you carry a tune? When you belt out the lyrics to your favorite song, are there expressions of glee and delight on the faces of those around you?

If so, you might give a thought to joining the Avila choir. It's a great way to have fun and earn some college credit at the same time.

There are 31 members in the group this year, which is a significant increase from years past. "It has more than doubled in size over the last two years," said Director John Rudzinski.

This is great because it offers a wider range for the performers.

"This is a very exciting time for the Avila Singers," Rudzinski said.

The enthusiasm among the students is also high, as demonstrated by the positive attitude shared by the group.



The '96 Avila College Singers

photo by Dave Sheller

"The choir is a lot of fun, I'm really enjoying it," said Keith Frevert, a freshman at Avila.

Performances that have already been scheduled for this year are a Thanksgiving service on Nov. 26 and a Christmas concert on Dec. 8.

Even with the larger group, Rudzinski still welcomes anyone interested in joining the choir to do so next semester.

If you are interested, talk to your adviser; it is a way to earn credit and become a member of a group. The more the merrier!

## Ex-Navy admiral to visit, speak

by Laura Harris

Rear Admiral Eugene J. Carroll, Jr., could accurately be described as an expert in defense information.

Carroll has an impressive career within the government, and is now active in a non-governmental agency: The Center for Defense Information.

In April 1945, Carroll was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy.

His work as a naval aviator kept him in Korea for ten months.

After 20 years of impressive service, he was transferred to the Pacific Fleet in 1965. He served six years with units in Vietnam.

It was in 1972 that his promotion to Rear Admiral came, and he served as commander of Task Force 60.

After serving on General Alexander Haig's staff in Europe from 1977 to 1979, he had the honor of becoming the

first naval officer to serve as Director of U.S. Military Operations for all U.S. forces in Europe and the Middle East.

Carroll's final active duty assignment was in the Pentagon as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policies and Operations.

Carroll is now the Deputy Director for the Center of Defense Information in Washington D.C. His job includes researching and analyzing major defense issues.

Carroll is also very active in writing and speaking about the need for rational military programs sufficient enough to meet the long-term national security interests of the U.S.

Carroll will be speaking about such issues at 7 p.m., on Oct. 21, in the Whitfield Conference Room.

It promises to be an extremely informative and enlightening evening.

## Opportunities for success knocking in Student Resource Center

by Molly O'Connor

Whether you need advice on how to write a research paper, want to meet people from around the world, declare a major, find a career, be tutored, or simply need a trusting environment to release the stress that is weighing you down, the Student Resource Center is the place to go.

Located in the lower level of Blasco Hall, the Student Resource Center, or SRC, is equipped with information and trained, caring staff members who are ready to help make your experience at Avila a successful one. They can help you identify problem areas and get back on the right track.

All students should take advantage of the various free services that are offered through the SRC.

"Along with helping students develop academically, we're here to help them develop in other ways," said Gina Frigault, director of the Student Resource Center and coordinator of Career Services. "We're here to help them adapt to situations and apply what they've learned to the future."

The Student Resource Center is divided into three major departments, which include: Tutoring, Clinical Counseling, the English as a Second Language Program (ESL), Career Services, and Study/Writing Skills.

The tutoring program, which is coordinated by Lisa Galbreath, is available for any students interested in improving their basic writing, reading, math, and

computer abilities. If students want advice on how to increase college skills, such as note-taking, test-taking, library research, and academic skills, they should drop by the SRC and talk to Galbreath.

College life can definitely be a challenging transition for many people to face. Any student seeking personal counseling is welcome and encouraged to visit with Avila's clinical counselor, Chris Cannella. Students will have the opportunity to learn ways to resolve conflicts while developing greater self-esteem and confidence. Short-term, confidential counseling is available by appointment.

"The Intensive Learning and Culture Program, originated in the late 1980's

as a means to serve the needs of students who are here to learn English as a second language," said Bruce Inwards, coordinator of the Intensive Language and Culture Program. The department works with approximately 40 students, from nine different countries, to help them adjust to college life in a country much different than their own. The program also attempts to increase ethnic diversity on campus and encourage interaction and friendships with American students.

"Career experience is the key to a successful job search," Frigault said.

That is why the Student Resource Center is prepared to give Avila students the advantage when it comes to career searching. The SRC

is a great place to go if you need assistance composing and formatting a resume, or if you want to use career exploration software to discover the opportunities that are available to you. The SRC also has videos on interviewing skills that students are allowed access to.

The Student Resource Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to serve the needs of all students. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

"We're glad that students have sought help," Frigault said, "but students need to plan ahead and not wait until the last minute. If they think they need help, they should make an appointment a week ahead of time."

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## Briefly Speaking

by Laura Harris

### Avila's Royalty

Avila crowned their King and Queen at the Homecoming dance. The winners were nominated by the Residence Hall Association. This year's king and queen are Chris Ervin and Jenny Lujin.

### Golf Tournament

The 13th Annual Avila Golf Classic is taking place Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. There will be a banquet at 6 p.m. in the Loch Lloyd Clubhouse. This tournament raises money for qualified children of Avila alumni to pursue their academic endeavors at Avila.

### Blood Drive

The Student Activities Board along with ASNO is sponsoring a Blood Drive through the Community Blood Center Oct. 24, Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Marian Center.

### Time to Make That Schedule

Just a little reminder that advising starts Oct. 28 for the Spring semester. Schedules are printed and are available now around campus.

### Arts at Avila presents *Getting Out*

If for some reason you missed *Rumors*, make sure that you do not miss the next show. The show is *Getting Out*, by Marsha Norman, who also wrote *Night, Mother*. *Getting Out* is a tale of a young woman trying to find her way in life after she is released from prison. It is directed by Robert Foulk.

### Avila Ambassadors

The following students are Student Ambassadors for the 1996-97 year:

Mike Adams, Marsha Bell, Erica Berg, Sarah Berkgigler, Mindy Bruce, Therese Cox, Kari Donnell, Mary Dykstra, KateLynn Egan, Rachel Garrison, Julie Klutsarits, Kelley Morris, Peggy Newport, Crystal Richardson, Anthony Simsheuser, Brian Stuckey, Julie Turner, Melissa Villanueva, Laura Vorhies, and Katie Wilkerson.

The Ambassadors give tours to prospective students, help out with special programs held on campus, and help represent Avila College when counselors visit high schools. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please stop by and see Mateo Remsburg in the Admission Office or give him a call at extension 2376.



Singer Deidre McCalla entertained Avila College with a performance at the Coffeehouse in the Marian Center.

photo by Irene Young

## Avila gives Halloween new meaning

by Laura Harris

This Halloween, the Residence Halls and other areas on campus are going to be doing something that is just a bit different. Instead of normal trick-or-treating, this year is going to be trick-or-treating for canned goods. The goods will go to local food pantries to help those in need.

"It may seem odd to be collecting canned goods at Halloween instead of Thanksgiving, but really it is the wisest thing to do," said Barb Remsburg, Coordinator of the Office of Service Learning and Volunteerism.

In order to fill the need during the holidays, it is necessary to prepare ahead of time. The fight against hunger does not start at Thanksgiving and end with the new year.

An additional project to occur in conjunction with National Hunger and Homelessness Week of Nov. 17-23 will be a Hunger Banquet Nov. 20 in the dining center.

"The goal of the program is to raise awareness regarding the unequal food distribution in the world. We will hope to explore the old phrase 'better clean your plate, there are starving people in the world' by providing the opportunity for participants to experience for one night, for one meal, the unequal food distribution in the world," said Remsburg.

Further information concerning this event will be provided in November.

## SUB continues to provide activities

Several films now showing in the Marian Center

by Janie Vogl

If you think there is nothing to do on campus, think again. The Student Union Board (SUB) coordinates events for students in the hope that others will find the activities entertaining.

The SUB is funded by the student activity fee paid at the beginning of each semester. While it does not receive all the money, SUB does keep enough to execute several activities.

"I hope more students get involved because they are paying for it and it is more fun when more people are involved," said Molly

O'Connor, sophomore.

The activities held by SUB are for traditional and commuter students so everyone is welcome to attend the events.

The goal is for all to have fun and to "expose students to different activities," said activities advisor Jim Branson.

There is a wide variety of things to do, from sporting events to comedy acts to formal dances.

"I always go to the Royals games; they are a lot of fun," said Doug Harris, sophomore.

A tentative date, April 12, is already set for the spring formal which may be held at

the River Queen, so mark that date on your calendar and be sure to attend.

For those who are not happy just coming to the activities but want to help plan them as well, the opportunity is available. SUB does have general meetings where you can do just that. If you are interested in attending one of these meetings just contact Branson.

Next time you hear someone complaining that school is boring and there is nothing to do, tell them to check out SUB and get involved.

## WEEKLY INTER-FAITH PRAYER: A NEW TRADITION IN CAMPUS MINISTRY

by Father Daniel Torson

Avila College continues to attract a student population that is 40 percent Catholic and 60 percent from other faiths and denominations. Ever since I became the Director of Campus Ministry at Avila College in 1993, I have been searching for new ways to effectively minister to students and staff of non-Catholic traditions. All liturgies have always been open to people of any faith. Non-Catholics have served as cantors and readers at Eucharistic Liturgies.

I continue to support people of any faith as I converse and interact on campus. Four Inter-faith services each year have been celebrated in the past.

Yet, I did not feel that these were enough.

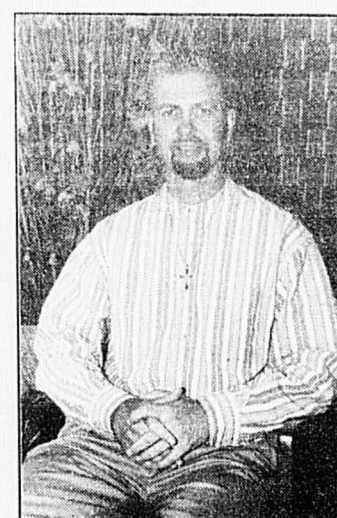
A new step in ministering to the diversity of faiths on our campus was begun this fall. Each Wednesday at noon in the Chapel an Inter-faith Prayer Service is celebrated.

This was tested during the Spring of 1996, when I was on sabbatical, as a way to continue daily worship. After the success of last spring and with the full support of President Kramer, it was decided to continue a weekly prayer service as a permanent part of Campus Ministry.

The prayer service lasts approximately 20 to 30 minutes and people are free to come and go during that time as their schedule permits.

One of the most positive outcomes of this worship service is that an opportunity has been provided for students and staff to lead and preach. Student and staff homilies (usually three to five minutes in length) greatly inspire those in attendance.

While a common format consisting of Scripture, preaching, and music has been followed up to this point, I am seeking volunteers who would like to develop a prayer service from any style or background of their choosing. These Wednesday noons could become a time for incorporating "alternative worship" forms, as is common in many Campus Ministry programs.



If anyone would like to collaborate in developing a Wednesday service, or would like to sing, read, or preach, please contact Campus Ministry at extension 2423.



## The Frevert triplets

# Wombmates to Roommates, two of three come to Avila

by Sheri Porter

In 1978, the probability of entering the world a triplet in the United States was about one in 10,000. So when Kevin, Keith and Kelli Frevert were born on June 6, 1978, their celebrity status was sealed.

Eighteen years later, Kevin and Keith enrolled as freshmen at Avila, choosing one another for roommates, again reinforcing their uniqueness.

I found Kevin and Keith in Marian Center, lounging comfortably on the couch in blue jeans. Although used to their notoriety, they seemed a bit apprehensive about their first newspaper interview.

As children, the Frevert triplets received much attention. Kevin said, "It was strange—everyone wanted to meet you."

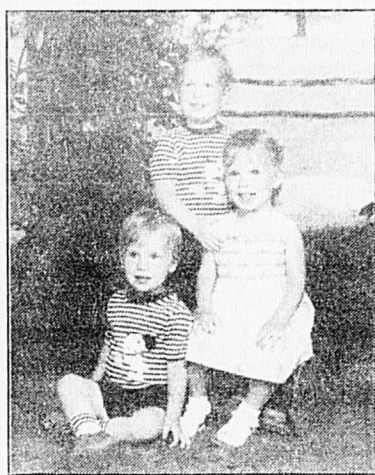
The brothers admit that they looked more like twins when they were younger, adding that their mother dressed them alike when they were babies. Now, 18-years-old, they merely resemble one another.

What is it like to be a triplet? Are there perks to being one in

10,000?

Kevin said, "I always had someone to turn to." Keith added with a smile, "We share things—we don't have to buy so much stuff." But two things the Freverts agreed were difficult to share were their bedroom and a car.

Their older brother Mike, now 24-years-old, always had his own room as did triplet Kelli. Exchanging glances, Keith and Kevin chuckled and



agreed that Kelli received special treatment. Her nickname was "the little princess."

While growing up at home, Kevin and Keith enjoyed giving Kelli a hard time about her privileged status as the only girl in the family. Kelli, currently a freshman at Southwest Missouri State University, even had her own car in high school.

When Mike graduated from high school, the triplets were in seventh grade. Kevin took over Mike's room, and the boys finally had their own space.

Why then, after 13 years of

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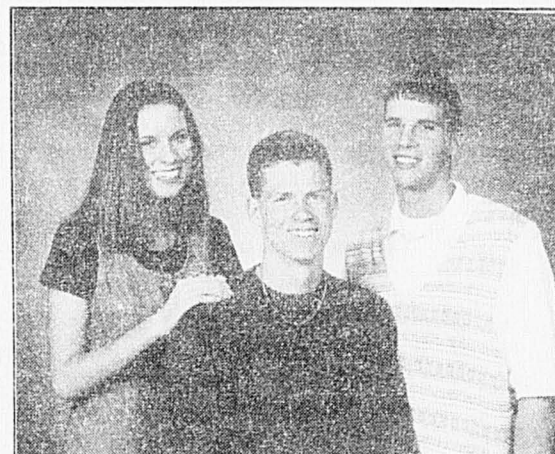
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on each other."

forced companionship, did Kevin and Keith come to Avila to share a room once again?

Their mother, Carol Frevert, was surprised by their decision to be roommates. She remembers asking them, "Are you really sure? Now you want to be roommates again?"



Acknowledging the lack of private rooms in the dorms, Frevert said her sons simply decided that it would be better to live with someone from the family.

Echoing this feeling, Kevin said, "I feel more secure—I know who I'm moving in with." Keith added, "We can count on each other."

The brothers' career plans may send them in opposite directions. Keith is an elementary education major, while Kevin's focus is pre-med.

Although the Freverts have different class schedules this fall, Keith, Kevin and Kelli had a common experience their

senior year at Raytown South High School. The Frevert triplets ended up in the same English composition class. Talk about driving a teacher crazy.

When Kevin and Keith do go their separate ways, the breakup should not be as traumatic as it might seem. Even though they share a dorm room, Kevin and Keith rarely spend free time together on weekends.

We all stand up to leave, and Keith unfolds to his full height of six feet, two inches. Kevin, older by one short minute says of his womb mates, "We're all alike, but we're all different."

## THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS 1997 ESSAY CONTEST

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## For non-traditional students, school is more than a natural progression

by Diana Dierks

I look around the classroom, I notice a sea of young faces eager to learn. Here I sit feeling out of place, and too old to be here. These are often the feelings a non-traditional student has starting back to school. I should know. I am one. Twenty-five and returning to college hoping to better my future.

Going back to school is a big step for many of these students because it means dedication to more than just your job or family. It means dedicating much of your extra time and energy to homework and school projects. The fortunate thing is that 169 other non-traditional students and I chose Avila College.

Avila defines a non-traditional student as anyone twenty-five years and older. Many of these students are in the work force full time and juggling school along with it. So they need a college that will cater to their needs.

Avila provides a flexible schedule for the non-traditional student, including evening classes in various subjects and weekend intensive classes for the student with even less time to spare.

Non-traditional student Lynn Brown said, "Avila's evening and weekend class schedule is really designed great for the non-traditional student."

Lynn works full time in the Blue Valley School District. This semester

she enrolled in 6 hours, one is an evening class and the other a weekend intensive class. She found Avila really fits her needs compared to the junior college she attended before transferring.

Terri Stubblefield who is also a non-traditional student explained how difficult it was to go back to school once you have children. "Going back to school would have been easier if I did not have kids."

Terri also feels Avila designs its afternoon class schedule well. She is able to get out of class in time to pick her children up from school. After Terri graduates she would like to find a position at Avila. She is not interested in teaching, but for an opportunity in another department.

When you speak to these students you see a different side to college life. It is not just parties and fun, but a serious commitment to learning. I have just crossed into this category of a non-traditional student, and once I did I began to understand what I could not as a traditional student out of high school. These students are driven to succeed and with all the obstacles they have it is amazing that most finish. I feel lucky to now be a part of this world of older students. It is a category of people that have a solemn commitment to their education and themselves.



# ISSUES

## Bob, Ross and Bill g *The Talon examines the presidential*

### DOLE *Republican*

by Kerry Metzger

As the years have passed, Bob Dole has continually worked his way up the political ladder. Dole's humble beginning in Russell, Kansas, led him into politics in 1950. After his return from World War II, with a disabled right arm, Dole was encouraged by other Republicans to run for a House of Representative seat. At the age of 27, he was elected the youngest member to the Kansas State House of Representatives. Dole went on to serve four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

During this time, Dole also served four terms as county attorney in his hometown of Russell. It was a low-paying job, but it provided a wealth of experience.

After years in the House of Representatives, Dole felt it was time to move up the ladder again. In 1968, at the age of 45, Dole was elected to the Senate. He quietly learned the rules in Washington, and then the unknown Kansan newcomer became a leading player in the political arena.

Dole received the GOP nomination for vice-president on the ticket with President Gerald Ford in 1976. This nomination surprised and pleased Dole. The campaign did not flow smoothly for the Ford/Dole ticket. Dole's attacks on the Democrats' ideas and leaders led to a negative public reputation. After the loss, Dole remarked, "I went for the jugular -- my own."

With a more positive platform, Dole ran for the 1980 and 1988 Republican presidential nominations, losing both. Dole's determination to be a part of the political structure is clear. His career has revealed that his reputation for honesty has had both positive and negative effects on his bids for the White House.

During the Oct. 6, 1996, Presidential Debates, Dole said, "I want a bridge to the future. I want a bridge to the truth . . . the best thing going for Bob Dole is Bob Dole keeps his word."

World Wide Web Site:  
<http://www.dole 96.com>

### Bob's issues and platform for '96

#### Taxes:

\$548 billion tax cut plan. His goal is to cut taxes 15 percent across-the-board. Dole: "I want the government to pinch pennies for a change instead of the American families."

#### Foreign Policy:

Does not want the United States to be a military baby-sitter for the conflicts under the rule of the United Nations (U.N.). Dole feels that Clinton has handed over too much U.S. military control to the United Nations during the recent conflicts in Bosnia, Somalia, and Haiti. He feels the United States should retain more control over U.S. troops in U.N. related situations.

#### Education:

- \* FY '97 Appropriations Bill: Total funds for student aid increased by \$2.4 million.
- \* Head Start increased funding to \$3.6 billion, \$31 million over last year.
- \* The Pell Grant received the highest maximum grant in program's history: \$2,500.
- \* The College Work-Study program is increased to \$685 million in this bill, an 11 percent increase from last year and \$6 million more than President Clinton requested.

#### Health Care:

Supports reform of Medicare and Medicaid Programs. Worked with Congress and President Clinton to pass a law that promises workers, with pre-existing medical conditions, that they can change employers without being excluded from insurance coverage.

#### Crime:

Supports the death penalty. He supports the abolition of parole for violent offenders. He is a leader in the effort to combat violence against women. Dole speaks out against the Clinton administration for the abandonment of the War on Drugs. A recent White House report revealed that adolescent use of marijuana, LSD, and cocaine doubled between 1992 and 1995.

#### Gun Control:

Voted against the Brady Bill that requires a two day waiting period and a background check for certain types of guns. Dole proposed a bill that uses an instant background check, through an electronic card, which would bar anyone with a criminal history from buying ANY type of gun.

#### Deficit:

Proposed Constitutional Amendment for a balanced budget vetoed by Clinton. Deficit reduction is included in the Dole/Kemp tax cut plan. Additional bills to decrease deficit in the works.

### PEROT *Reform*

by Lee Walkington

Ross Perot wants to be president; so much, in fact, he sued the Committee on Presidential Debates, demanding to be included in the first debate on Oct. 6. Two federal judges ruled against him, barring him from participation. As well, Perot has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission, asking them to make the television networks sell him airtime. A press release from Reform Party headquarters noted that free advertising time is "being provided Clinton and Dole by CBS, NBC, ABC, and PBS." According to the Reform Party, Perot has been denied this opportunity to get his message across.

Ross Perot was born June 27, 1930, to modest family circumstances, in Texarkana, Texas. He attended public school and junior college there, working various jobs, from breaking horses to delivering newspapers. Perot entered the United States Naval Academy in 1949, graduating in 1953. He then served four years at sea. In 1956, he married Margot Birmingham, to whom he has been married for 40 years. They have five children and nine grandchildren. The Perot's make their home in Dallas, Texas.

In 1962, Perot began a one-man data processing company, Electronic Data Systems. Today, this corporation employs more than 70,000 people. Two of these employees were taken hostage by the Iranian government in 1979. Perot himself went to Iran and directed a rescue effort, led by a former military colonel, that resulted in the employees' rescue. A best selling novel and TV miniseries were inspired by this event.

Twice Perot has been asked to aid the state of Texas. In 1979, he was asked for help on the growing drug problem; in 1982, he worked on improving the state's public schools. Both resulted in legislation and legal reform to address the problems.

During the Vietnam War, the U.S. government asked Perot to address the POW issue. He was involved with this from 1969 until the end of the war. In recognition of his efforts, Perot was awarded the Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the highest award presented to civilians by the Department of Defense.



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## orm CLINTON Democrat

by Ben Henry

### Ross' issues and platform for '96

**Taxes:**

"(The) income tax has to be restructured... the American people should approve future tax increases."

**Health Care:**

A national plan is not the answer. Whatever is done to control costs must keep the doctor and patient at the center of health care decisions.

**Education:**

We must:

- \* Restore local control over our schools.
- \* Make schools places of learning, not play.
- \* Create small neighborhood schools near the child's home, especially in the primary grades.
- \* Place a greater emphasis on teachers, not fancy school buildings.
- \* Have extensive parental involvement in our schools.

**Crime:**

Perot's crime policy would include mandatory life sentences for those convicted of three violent crimes, as well as tougher penalties for gang crime. He would make literacy, good conduct, and marketable skills preconditions for parole. Federal facilities and public/private experimental programs would address youth crime and rehabilitation. Perot feels prisons should be made less luxurious places where an inmate does "a long, hard day of work every day." The Perot crime policy summary: "IF YOU CAN'T DO THE TIME, DON'T COMMIT THE CRIME."

**Welfare Reform:**

"A good-paying job is the ultimate welfare reform. When we have more people working, earning decent wages, and paying taxes, we will have fewer people on welfare. This is the most effective welfare reform plan possible."

**Abortion:**

"The government should not intrude on a woman's personal decision to have an abortion."

**Foreign Policy:**

Perot considers national defense the highest priority, one that should never be compromised. He thinks the nations we help defend (like Germany and Japan) should be asked to help pay part of our costs. Perot considers terrorism to be our greatest national threat: "Our military must focus its intelligence resources on stopping terrorist threats not only within our borders, but around the world."

William Jefferson Clinton became the 42nd President of the United States of America when he was sworn into office on Jan. 20, 1993.

During his first term as president, Clinton has made it a top priority to be tough on crime. He signed the \$30 billion Crime Bill on Sep. 30, 1994, as well as signing the Brady Bill, the Assault Weapons Ban, the Violence against Women Act, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act.

Clinton has also been a strong advocate of education, environmental issues, free trade, and health care reform.

Born on Aug. 19, 1946, Clinton spent the first few years of his life in Hope, Arkansas, before his family moved to Hot Springs, where he graduated from high school.

Clinton continued his education at Georgetown University, earning a Bachelor's degree from the university in 1968. He studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar from 1968-70, and earned a law degree from Yale Law School in 1973.

Elected attorney general of Arkansas in 1976, Clinton ran for governor in 1978 and won. He was re-elected by the people of Arkansas four more times.

Clinton has served as chair of the National Governors' Association, the Education Commission of the States, the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission, the Southern Growth Policies Board, the Democratic Governors' Association, and the Democratic Leadership Council.

With running mate Al Gore, Jr., Clinton holds the Democratic Party nomination for the 1996 presidential election.

### Bill's issues and platform for '96

**Taxes:**

- \* Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit, cutting taxes for 15 million families nationwide.
- \* Made new tax cuts available to more than 90 percent of small businesses.

**Foreign Policy:**

- \* Supports the United Nations and free trade.

**Education:**

- \* Signed the Student Loan Reform Act on Aug. 10, 1993, reforming the college student loan system, making college more affordable for 5.5 million students in 1996.
- \* Expanded Pell Grants for 3 million college students.
- \* Signed the Goals 2000: Educate America Act on Mar. 31, 1994.
- \* Increased Head Start funding by almost \$760 million.

**Health Care:**

- \* Introduced the Health Care Security Act on Nov. 20, 1993.
- \* Signed a comprehensive Child Immunization Plan.
- \* Signed the Family Medical Leave Act on Feb. 5, 1993.
- \* Revoked the Reagan/Bush restrictions on abortion counseling.

**Crime:**

- \* Signed controversial Crime Bill on Sep. 13, 1994.
- \* Signed legislation to put 100,000 new police on the streets.
- \* Signed the Violence Against Women Act as part of the Crime Bill. The President has made an issue of being tough on domestic violence.

**Gun Control:**

- \* Signed the Assault Weapons Ban, removing 19 rapid-fire assault weapons from the market.
- \* Signed the Brady Bill on Nov. 30, 1993, preventing people with criminal records from purchasing guns.

**Deficit:**

- \* Signed the Economic Package on Aug. 10, 1993, putting into effect the largest deficit reduction plan in history.
- \* Cut the federal deficit in half within the last four years.

**Abortion:**

- \* Supports a woman's right to choose.



## Rumors of another theater success

by Brian Stuckey

Neil Simon's *Rumors* had an eventful run in Goppert Theater the weekend of Oct. 3 through Oct. 6. Avila's theater season opened Thursday, Oct. 3 for the first performance of the farce.

The new dinner theater began the next night and continued on Saturday.

Candlelight and soft piano music set the mood for an elegant dinner. The event fit well into the dinner party storyline of *Rumors*. However, Avila's dinner theater went much better than the Brock's dinner party in the play.

Mary Mathews, an Avila alumnus, said, "It has exceeded my expectations. It's so nice to have the piano and the candlelight."

"It raises the level of excellence to new heights," said Robert Fortin, an Avila graduate. "The little things are done exceptionally well. We hope they do it again."

"We think it is elegant," said Carol Fortin. "It's beautifully done. It is wonderful because they thought of all the fine amenities."

The dinner theater received a great reception with large crowds attending, including a full house on Saturday night.

Department of Theater

Director Charlene Gould said, "It went super. Both nights were very nice. We had a lot of alumni on Saturday, and the alumni crowd is always a great crowd."

*Rumors* director Samantha Wyer said she thought the dinner was a good addition to the play. "It made coming to the play more of an event," said Wyer.

Gould said they intend to have the dinner theater as an annual Homecoming event.

Saturday, Oct. 5, after the soccer games and other homecoming events of the day, *Rumors* opened to its largest crowd of nearly 300 people.

The large audience increased the energy of the actors, but, as sometimes happens, the unexpected occurred. During the second act, Greg Weber, who portrayed Ernie Cusack on stage, became dehydrated, eventually collapsing on stage. The play halted.

Wyer said, "He was dehydrated in the middle of

the performance and he was not able to continue. We stopped the second act so the paramedics could come in."

"That was the first time I've ever had to do that in my

half an hour, but he could not tell anyone because he was in character on stage."

Both Wyer and Gould assured that Weber is going to be perfectly fine. He was

released from the hospital in time to do the Sunday afternoon performance. It was decided, however, that the situation should not be risked, and Sean Galvan replaced Weber as Ernie for the final show.

Overall the show was a great success, and was enjoyed by the actors and the audience alike.

"I was very pleased. The audience was very responsive, and we had a large turnout which was really great. I thought every night the show grew because the actors were getting used to the audience's energy and how they were going to respond. Every performance it just grew and they got a better handle of it," Wyer said.

Actor Mike Kruse said, "Rumor has it the play was an ultimate success. Every minute new and exciting things occurred that made it an



Senior Sean Galvan, serves wine to the dinner theater audience.

photo by Dave Sheller

career," said Gould. "Our main concern was for the actor's health. Samantha Wyer, the director, did a tremendous job coaching these students so when we did have an emergency, they were able to handle it, not panic, and take care of the situation."

"The experience taught everybody involved something," Wyer said, "which is you have to take care of yourself. Your body will give you clues. Unfortunately, Greg didn't get many clues until he was on stage. He had clues for about

## The Truth About "THAT THING" in the Quad

by Molly O'Connor

It is in your way as you dart across the quad to get to class. It is that triangular combination sculpture of metal and wood. You are running late, but you have to get close enough to brush past, because after all it is the Arrow to God, a good luck charm that will help you get straight As this semester. A constant reminder that if you are good at heart you will one day be privileged enough to follow the arrow straight up to the pearly gates where you will

come face to face with your Creator.

Creative, but incorrect. Actually, the artists that created and constructed the sculpture directly outside of Marian Center never intended for it to become a traffic sign to Heaven. Apparently the Arrow to God is simply a nickname given to a wooden, hollow, Christmas tree.

"We did it as the result of an assignment to design and build a 3-D model in sculpture class," Sister Collette Doerning said, one of Avila's retired Art

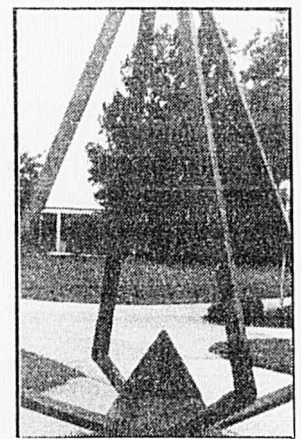
Instructors. She recalls that the sculpture by Marian Center and the one in front of Blasco Hall were designed and constructed in 1971 by Reed Ludwick, Bill Ross and Lowell Swindler. The artists intended for their work to symbolize and express the importance of peace in a time when the country was picking up the pieces of the Vietnam War.

"With the help of Avila's outstanding art students, the sculptures were assembled and completed," Sister Doerning

said.

In time, the moving chimes in the center of the sculpture have been removed, and rust has covered the metal bars of support. The wood shows the effects of harsh winters and driving rains, but the structure continues to stand strong as a symbol of hope today.

It reminds us that God is with us in times of need and that God's presence is always alive, not only in heaven, but also on Avila's campus.



"That Thing"

photo by Dave Sheller

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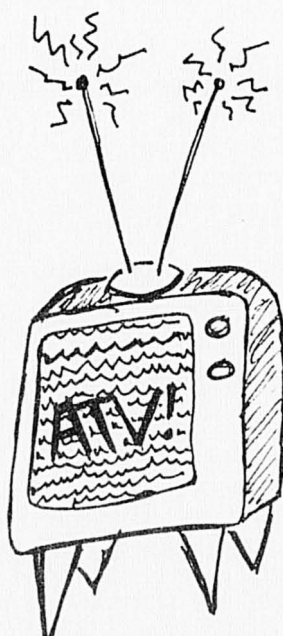
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## At the movies...

by Amanda Nedrud

What can I say about *Last Man Standing*? It stars Bruce Willis doing what he does best and men killing each other every five minutes. It is another *Die Hard* only in a western setting.

It starts out with Willis's character, John Smith passing through a small town, that has two rival gangs trying to become number one in standing.

After an incident with one of the gangs, Smith's car is left unable to be driven and is forced to stay in the town. He

then decides that a nice profit could be made working for both gangs. That is where the fun begins.

The plot is pretty predictable but does maintain your interest. Bruce Willis and Christopher Walkin are good in the movie. They both are tough characters and you are just waiting to see a showdown between them. Willis's friend in the movie is likable, he added the laugh when it was needed.

I suggest seeing *Last Man Standing* if you like these kind of movies.





## Exercise Your Right NOT to Vote

by Monica Haugsness

Election day, a time for the patriotic to take a stand and the apathetic to sit back and complain. Best of all, it is time for the infamous, "Everyone's vote does count," speech concerning why citizens, especially young adults, should make their voices heard.

I hate to disappoint, but I shall not bore you with the usual barrage of guilt laden attacks on your personal choice. In fact, I would like to promote that you do the exact opposite and not vote. No, this is not a typo; and though it is far from politically correct, I am seriously encouraging that you do not vote if you do not care.

Exactly 18 days from now the polls will be open and the people will have an opportunity to cast their vote. Those going to the polls will include the well informed and the uninformed. If you are amongst the latter category, then I would like to ask you this question, "Why waste your time?"

If you know nothing about a candidate, beyond what he or she look likes, are you really able to say who would make the best leader for the country or your state? Some may argue, "How do we know what the candidates and media reveal is true?" Good question; unfortunately, there is no way of having a complete understanding of who the candidates truly are and if they will practice what they promoted once successfully in office. Despite this dismal reality, an attempt should be made to become informed about

all candidates and issues which will appear on the ballot.

Over the summer, I worked at the Nemaha County Courthouse as an assistant to the election deputy. The primary election was my primary focus (it was kind of cool to be able to say I had touched every single ballot voted). The entire process was tedious and eye opening. It quickly became evident that a majority of individuals had no clue who was running, they just wanted to vote.

Maybe the attraction is the red, white and blue, "I VOTED," stickers. Or perhaps, voting makes some feel important. Regardless of the reason, a ballot should not be viewed as a multiple choice test where you randomly select the answer you believe is most correct. The selection should be based on knowledge, your study efforts, not cenie-meenie-miney-moe.

If you are among the politically inclined, I salute you and encourage you to express your opinion at the polls. But, if you are part of the partially informed or apathetic crowd, then I recommend you check out the spread in this issue and tap into other sources for complete election information. Do not head to the polls with concern for only a few races and issues, do some advance investigation and make your trip worthwhile.

Oh, if you make no effort because, "My vote does not count," then refrain from bellyaching.

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## Q & A Campus Talk by Dave Sheller

### Who do you think would be a good president and why?



Olga Artman,  
Sophomore,

International Business  
"I think Beth Hachegechog because she is smart. She makes great speeches that keep going and going and she is always full of hot air."

Rachel Gamison, Freshman, Psychology  
"I think I would make a great president because I am honest, too young to have a bad background and I am sociable."

Molly O'Connor, Sophomore, Undeclared  
"Carolyn Coon should be president because she is a people person. Need I explain? She also has the President's wave down-what else does a president need? Carolyn Coon in '96."



Jorge Santana,

Junior, Marketing  
"An economist would be a great president because they could balance the taxes and the expenses. I would vote for Ross Perot."

Chris Aulbur, Freshman, Undecided  
"I think Superman, because he is just awesome!"

Delaina Renfro, Junior, Communication  
"Men have been running this country since America was born. It is time to let the women have a shot at it, maybe Madonna or Sharon Stone."



Cameron Woods,

Senior, Business Administration  
"Michael Jackson should be president because he cares about the little people of the world."

Chris Ervin, Junior, Marketing  
"I think Albert Belle because he does not take any stuff from anybody and he will ring your bell."

Shannon Thurman, Junior, Radiological Technology  
"Clinton because he stands for what I am doing right now-education."

## Election to decide fate of Union Station

Union Station is worth more than 1/8 of a cent

by Kelly Turner

Even though it may seem like a wasted trip to the voting booths just to pick our presidential poison, we can be optimistic knowing there will be local issues on the ballot which our votes will actually influence.

The bi-state cultural tax is a case in point. Approval of the 1/8 of a cent tax (which will be terminated in approximately six years) would transform what is now a brittle Union Station into a massive, world class science center and tourist attraction—two things Kansas City desperately needs.

Rumor has it that many of the projected revenue figures for the bi-state plan are exaggerated, and Union Station will never prosper. Although it is impossible to predict exactly how much revenue Union Station will bring, it will undeniably enhance the area's reputation.

The Kansas City metropolitan area is the country's largest metropolitan area lacking a contemporary

science center. This not only affects the area's economy, but even worse... it affects the area's youth.

Approval of the bi-state tax would not only remedy these problems, but it would finally put landmark Union Station, the country's second largest train station (second only to Grand Central Station), back on the maps as well.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson declared Union Station the "great gateway to the west." Although it no longer boasts such an esteemed reputation, approval of the bi-state tax would create a new and impressive reputation for Union Station as well as the entire metropolitan area, enabling "our future to meet the past..."—a past which has been sadly overlooked.

Union Station's past was the center of many historical events. It not only witnessed the torment of gangsters, but it also witnessed the first death of an FBI agent in the line of duty. During World War II more than

1/3 of the nation's soldiers used the station, and more than 200 trains passed through each day.

The restoration of Union Station would not only recount these historical events, but house a plethora of free scientific activities for children. A mission control space center, Jurassic park, and a weather-television center are being planned, as well as slides and tunnels linked to create a playground of the human body.

The original restaurant will also be restored, and the massive marble lobby will serve as the gathering place for many community events, including New Years Eve celebrations. All of these things are merely a glimpse into Union Station's future if the bi-state tax is approved.

Imagine the possibilities. Increased tourism, revenue, educational opportunities, an enhanced reputation throughout the country, the preservation of history and the opportunity to bridge generation gaps—all for 1/8 of a cent. What a steal!



# Eagles land in Europe

by Dave Sheller

During the summer months, the Eagles went international. Twelve members of the Avila baseball team had an opportunity to compete in Europe. There were two trips, with six different players on each. One group travelled to Brasschatt, Belgium, the other to Amsterdam, Holland.

The players who went on the trips said it was a great cultural experience, one that enabled them to see and experience how people from other countries play ball and live.

The first memorable experience the teams encountered, after getting off the plane, was the ride from the airport to the hotel. The players thought they were going to die because the drivers travelled at 100 m.p.h. and cut in and out of traffic like maniacs. They also experienced the red light district; and if you have ever been to Europe,

you know why it is called the red light district.

The individuals who hosted the teams were extremely nice and took care of the players' every need. They drove the players to eat and to the ballpark, did their laundry, and even drank beer with them after games.

Avila's baseball team became instant stars. The kids attending the games wanted autographs and tips on how to play the game, similar to the way American kids idolize professional players in the U.S.

"I think this was one of the best parts of the trip, since I know that I will not play competitive baseball again after this trip," Brooks McCord said.

The trip made the team realize how similar people are around the globe, especially the kids, who look up to the team as an example of how to play baseball and live life.

A gold medal was captured by the first team in the Belgium National, with a 3-run bomb by Brooks McCord in the bottom of the 7th to win it 7-6.

However, the second team did not claim a medal, but had a great time.

"We played some good ball over there, against a junior team, professional teams, and some U.S. teams. It was a good experience and we got to see a lot of things," said Jason Albright, a member of the second team.

Chad Wilkerson offers advice to those who might make a trip to Europe. "If you go to Holland pack your lunch, because they don't eat much."

Coach Edington, who went on both trips, said, "Even though baseball was the avenue to Europe, the guys came away with an educational and cultural experience they will never forget."

## SOCCER:

*MEN and WOMEN fly high during Homecoming weekend*

by Amanda Nedrud

The Avila Eagles were flying high over Homecoming weekend as the men's soccer team defeated York College 4-0. Goals were scored by Jamie Rowlett, who had two, H.L. Dunsworth, and Bobby Lawson. The victory improved their record to 7-2-1, with a conference record of 2-1.

"This victory was big for us because we had just come off a disappointing loss and it serves as a building block for future games," said sophomore Iestyn Penrose of the victory.

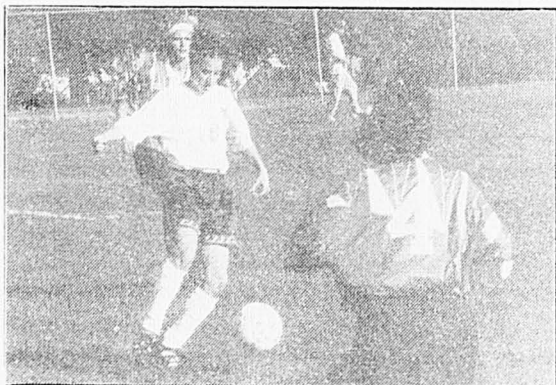
Coach Dylan Aiman said, "That victory takes us into the second half of our season; and this is really the time we need to win, and come out playing to win, because we have the potential. We have a lot of strengths, especially in our bench."

Before the game got underway, the soccer team was escorted onto the field by parents and loved ones as part of the Homecoming activities.

"It was a nice gesture and really exciting to see so many people show their support for us," said sophomore Ray Nastase.

The Eagles continue their pursuit with upcoming games against Benedictine College on Oct. 24, and Park College on Oct. 26.

"We will find out what we are made of the next few games, if we can heal some injuries and stay focused," said Aiman. "We have a good shot at making it to the regional tournament."



The much improved women's soccer team won another game Homecoming weekend, defeating William Jewell College 3-0. Leading the Eagles with goals were Danielle Hoover, Shonette Micco, and Maria Cannova. This win gave them an overall record of 5-4, with a conference record of 1-2.

"The team has been improving since day one," said senior forward Hoover. "Every time we play a game it shows the improvement from last season."

Many of the Eagles say the main reason for the improvement is the coaching. According to sophomore goalkeeper Beth Hachegechog, the coaches really know what they are talking about and really support the team.

"The coaches, especially coach Jennifer Aiman, really gives us a lot of support. She picks us up when we need it and always is the first one to congratulate you on a good play," said Hachegechog.

Another big reason is the defense. This season, the Eagles have had four shutouts against their opposing teams.

"Although I would like to take all the credit, I owe it to my defense," said Hachegechog. "They have really stood out this season and I couldn't have done it without them."

The next Eagles home game is Oct. 25, against Southwest Baptist University.

A Lady Eagle

hammers the ball into

the opponent's court

during another Avila

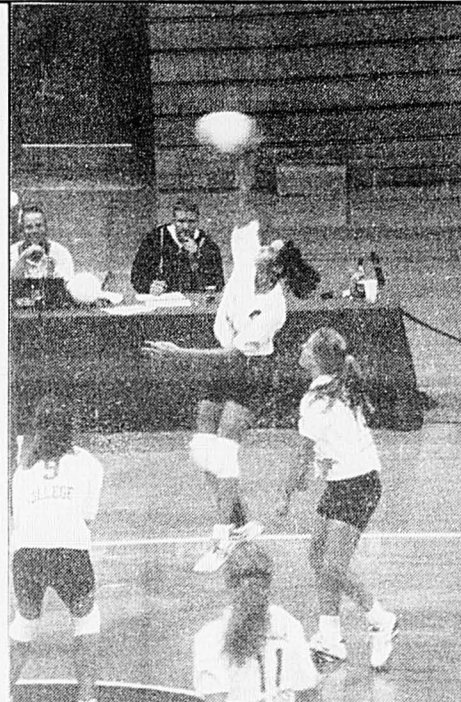
contest at Mabec

Fieldhouse, as the

Lady Eagles continue

to fight their way

through the season.



# Volleyball

## Sporting My Mind

by Monica Bullock

Manners matter in sports

...Alomar should take a few lessons

For an athlete to be suspended in any sport takes an awful lot of unsportsmanlike conduct. The number of games an athlete should miss for this misconduct always differs in opinion from the athlete to the person handing down the suspensions.

In the case of the Baltimore Orioles' Roberto Alomar, the question of how many games he should miss was not the focus, but how soon he should serve it.

Alomar was suspended for spitting on an umpire after arguing a called third strike.

Tempers flared as Alomar and the home plate umpire both became upset. This resulted in Alomar spitting in the face of the home plate umpire.

Alomar was suspended for five games, effective the start of next season.

This upset the umpires because they felt Alomar needed to be suspended immediately. However, Major League Baseball rules state that an athlete cannot serve a suspension during the post-season. As a result, the umpires threatened a post-season strike. The strike never happened, and Alomar was allowed to play.

The umpires had every right to be upset for two reasons. First, Alomar appealed his suspension, resulting in his suspension being served next season. Secondly, this incident did not involve another player, it involved an umpire. These men do not make millions of dollars a year to fight with other players. They are there to keep control of the game. If the players do not like it, then too bad.

Players in every sport get upset at each other, often resulting in some pushing and shoving, and in some cases, fighting. The punishment for such action is suspension for however long the higher-up's think right. The players either accept the suspension or appeal it.

Most umpires, and ball clubs, do not have a problem with players appealing their suspensions. Whether or not it is right is another issue. Personally, I believe that if someone is suspended for fighting with another player, he or she should serve the suspension effective immediately.

Spitting on someone is a sign of total disrespect, and the umpires should be the most respected people on that field.

So, I find in favor of the umpires, and agree that the suspension of Roberto Alomar should have been effective immediately. He should not have been allowed to appeal it.

I also believe that Alomar should have been suspended for the rest of the season, including the playoffs. However, unfortunately, I am not the judge.

